

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A polarizing transparent viewing element, having an optical surface divided into several zones, ~~at least one of said zones being associated with~~ respective a light-polarizing filters, the light passing through said element being affected differently in two of said zones depending on a polarization direction of said light, ~~the element being characterized in that the polarizing filter is oriented obliquely relative to a~~ wherein:

- the orientation of the polarizing filter of a first zone of the several zones is oblique relative to a horizontal direction in the use position of the element with an angle between the orientation of the filter and the horizontal direction different from 90° and from 0°, said first zone being located in a lower portion of the optical surface with respect to the use position of the element;
- a second zone of the several zones is associated with a polarizing filter oriented horizontally with respect to the use position of the element, the first zone associated with the obliquely oriented polarizing filter being located, in the use position of the element, below the second zone associated with the horizontally oriented polarizing filter; and
- a third zone of the several zones is associated with a polarizing filter oriented vertically with respect to the use position of the element, said third zone being located in a lateral portion of the element with respect to the use position of the element.

2. (Currently Amended) The element as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein in which~~ the oblique orientation of the polarizing filter of the first zone in the use position of the element makes an angle of between 125° and 145° to said horizontal direction.

3. (Currently Amended) The element as claimed in claim 1 ~~2~~, ~~wherein in which~~ the oblique orientation of the polarizing filter ~~of the first zone~~ in the use position of the element makes an angle of 135° to said horizontal direction.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The element as claimed in claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, in which the first zone associated with the obliquely oriented polarizing filter is adjacent a lower edge of the element.

6. (Currently Amended) The element as claimed in claim ~~[[4]]~~ 1, in which an upper boundary of the first zone associated with the obliquely oriented polarizing filter passes between an optical center of said element and a point located 20 millimeters below said center in the use position of the element.

7. (Currently Amended) The element as claimed in claim 6, in which ~~an~~ the upper boundary of the first zone associated with the obliquely oriented polarizing filter passes between an optical center of said element and a point located 10 millimeters below said center in the use position of the element.

8-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) The element as claimed in claim ~~11~~ 1, in which the third ~~said additional zone associated with the vertically oriented polarizing filter~~ extends over a width going from the an external lateral edge of said element to a point at a distance of between 5 mm and 75 mm therefrom, measured along a straight line going from said lateral edge toward the optical center of said element.

13. (Currently Amended) The element as claimed in claim 12, in which said additional third zone extends over a distance of between 5 mm and 30 mm.

14. (Currently Amended) The element as claimed in claim ~~10~~ 1, comprising two third in which the optical zone comprises two additional zones associated with respective polarizing filters oriented vertically with respect to the use position of the element, said two additional third zones being located in opposed lateral portions of the element.

15. (Currently Amended) The element as claimed in claim 14, in which ~~each of the two third additional zones associated with the vertically oriented polarizing filters~~ are separated by a distance of between 10 mm and 60 mm in a central portion of said element.

16. (Currently Amended) The element as claimed in claim 15, in which ~~each of the two third additional zones associated with the vertically oriented polarizing filters~~ are separated by a distance of between 10 mm and 40 mm in a the central portion of said element.

17. (Currently Amended) The element as claimed in claim ~~15~~ 16, in which ~~each of the two third additional zones associated with the vertically oriented polarizing filters~~ are separated by a distance of between 20 mm and 40 mm in a the central portion of said element.

18. (Currently Amended) A viewing device incorporating at least one polarizing transparent viewing element, said polarizing transparent viewing element having an optical surface divided into several zones associated with respective light-polarizing filters, the light passing through said element being affected differently in two of said zones depending on a polarization direction of said light, wherein:

- the orientation of the polarizing filter of a first zone of the several zones is oblique relative to a horizontal direction in the use position of the element with an angle between the orientation of the filter and the horizontal direction different from 90° and from 0°, said first zone being located in a lower portion of the optical surface with respect to the use position of the element;
- a second zone of the several zones is associated with a polarizing filter oriented horizontally with respect to the use position of the element, the first zone associated with the obliquely oriented polarizing filter being located, in the use position of the element, below the second zone associated with the horizontally oriented polarizing filter; and
- a third zone of the several zones is associated with a polarizing filter oriented vertically with respect to the use position of the element, said third zone being located in a lateral portion of the element with respect to its use position as claimed in claim 1.

19. (Currently Amended) The viewing device as claimed in claim 18, ~~wherein said viewing device comprises~~ comprising a pair of spectacles and ~~wherein in that~~ said polarizing transparent viewing element constitutes a lens of said pair of spectacles.

20. (Currently Amended) The viewing device as claimed in claim 18, ~~wherein said viewing device comprises~~ comprising a helmet and ~~in that wherein~~ said polarizing transparent viewing element constitutes a visor of said helmet.

21. (Currently Amended) The viewing device as claimed in claim 18, ~~wherein said viewing device comprises~~ comprising a mask and ~~in that wherein~~ said polarizing transparent viewing element constitutes a visor of said mask.